Library Visit 3/17/2025

Yesterday during my library visit, I read the book of Matthew, in the New Testament of the Holy Bible. I have included below some scriptures that have stood out to me, and an analysis of each scripture, based off Google, Google Scholar, and World-cat. I have utilized Novel NY topic finder as well.

Matthew 26:6-26:13

According to Bible Gateway, it states the following scriptures, While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, 7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

8 When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. 9 “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

10 Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 11 The poor you will always have with you, [a] but you will not always have me. 12 When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. 13 truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

Based off of these scriptures, I have entered Jesus, Bethany into Novel NY topic finder. I just found information linking Jesus Christ, towards the Gospel.

I have decided to take this further; I have entered Simon the Leper into Novel NY Topic Finder. I have found some keywords, which I have listed below:

1) Gospels
2) Mark
3) John
4) Mary Magdalene
5) Jesus Christ

Now that I have these keywords, before I go to World- Cat, I would like to take some time to look into the geographic locations of Bethany.

Bethany

According to Wikipedia, it states the following information about the geographic locations of Bethany. I am going to input this information into World-Cat, to see if I could find any international libraries, public or academic libraries.

Bethany (Ancient Greek: Βηθανία,[3] Syriac: ܒܝܬ ܥܢܝܐ *Bēṯ ʿAnyā*), locally called in Arabic **Al-Eizariya** or **al-Aizariya** (Arabic: العيزرية, "[place] of Lazarus"), is a Palestinian town in the Jerusalem Governorate of Palestine, bordering East Jerusalem, in the West Bank. The name al-Eizariya refers to the New Testament figure Lazarus of Bethany, who according to the Gospel of John, was raised from the dead by Jesus in the town.[4] The traditional site of the miracle, the Tomb of Lazarus, in the city is a place of pilgrimage.

The town is located on the southeastern slope of the Mount of Olives, less than 2 miles (3.2 km) from Jerusalem. With a population of 22,928 inhabitants according to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, it is the second largest city in the Quds Governorate of the State of Palestine, after only East Jerusalem,

which has been annexed by and is completely under the control of Israel, although this annexation is unrecognized internationally.[5]

World-Cat

Before going to World-Cat, I went to Google translate and translated the five keywords into Arabic. Below are the translated words I have searched in World-Cat.

1) الإنجيل
2) علامة
3) مريم المجدلية
4) يسوع المسيح

Based off my World- Cat search, I did come across an article, in Arabic from 1905, when I entered Jesus Christ in Arabic, while searching Jerusalem as the location.

Next Steps:

I would like to possibly request this article, but I am unsure if it is freely available or the interlibrary loan would be OCR compatible for me to copy and paste it into translation software, like Google Translate. If I do request it, it would be through NYPL.